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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Kazuhito IMAI et al.

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) Examiner: Zimmerman, J.  
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For: HOT PRESS FORMING METHOD, AND A PLATED STEEL MATERIAL  
THEREFOR AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the claims  
as follows:

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